crores and the cost of Golden Quadrilateral protion is Rs. 25,000 crores (at 2000 prices).

World Bank funding for development of NHs

†1951. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has provided funds for the development and extension of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where the amount received from World Bank has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank has sanctioned two loans amounting to US $ 516 million and US $ 589 million for Third National Highway project and Grand Trunk Road Improvement project respectively.

(c) The loan will be utilised for strengthening and widening of National Highway-2 to 4-lanes in Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar.

Declaration of National Highways in Karnataka

1952. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the request of the Karnataka Government to declare Bidar-Srirangapatnam, Jewargi-Sankeswar and Kalala-Raichur in Karnataka as National Highways, has been pending for the last two years; and

(b) if so, by when these roads are likely to be declared as National Highways?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These proposals would be considered alongwith similar proposals received from other State Governments after finalisation of the Tenth Five Year Plan keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Funds by ADB to modernise National Highway system

1953. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions of the new loans sanctioned by the Asian Development Bank to India to modernise National Highway System;

(b) the roads and overbridges which are expanded/ constructed by this new loan; and

(c) by when the projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) A US $ 240 million loan has been approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 20/9/2001 to the Government of India for Western Transport Corridor Tumkur-Haveri NH-4 Project. The loan repayment period is 25 years including a grace period of 5 years.

(b) The following roads and overbridges will be expanded/ constructed by this new loan:

(i) Widening of existing National Highway No. 4 to four lanes between Tumkur (km. 75) and Haveri (km. 340) excluding Sira bypass (km. 116-122).

(ii) Widening of existing bridges to 4-lanes.

(iii) Construction of 4-lane bypass at Brahmsagara, Harihar, Ranibenneur and Haveri.